

## Carman-Ainsworth FIRST LEGO Robotics Team 2009 World Champions

Carman-Ainsworth's FIRST LEGO League Team brought the championship title back to the United States after competing in the World Festival in the Georgia Dome on April 16-18. The team overwhelmingly won first place amongst the 84 teams from 27 countries attending. The 84 competing teams were whittled down from over 9,500 teams worldwide. Winning teams had to not only build and program a robot to autonomously manipulate and deliver objects on a game board but were also required to deliver presentations and answer questions regarding build and programming techniques, a research project involving climate change, and demonstration of teamwork skills.

The team is made up of 10 children ranging in age from 10-14 years old. Team members include Meghan Borgerding, Trever Brown, Cassidy Elmer, Dylan Elmer, Sydney Elmer, Jacquelyn Gillie, Jonathan Miller, Christopher Smith, Ronnie Sherrer and Logan Yost. The team is coached by third grade Carman-Ainsworth teacher Leanne Welch, Dave Elmer, and Ron Sherrer. Tim Nickels a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Carman-Ainsworth High School also mentors the team. The skills students have learned by being a part of this team include build techniques, programming, time management, teamwork, speaking skills and research techniques. The team's hard work, dedication and superior skills set them apart from the rest of the world as they forever claim a spot in history!

